

III. REMARKS

1. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the finality of the Office Action mailed June 23, 2005

For some reason the undersigned made an error in noting the statutory provision under which Stoddard qualifies as prior art; resulting in an inapplicable assertion. The undersigned regrets the error.

However, an opportunity to respond to the action on the merits is respectfully solicited, and it is requested that the finality of the prior rejection be withdrawn.


2. Claim 1 is amended. As noted by the Examiner, Stoddard does not disclose or suggest reducing current setpoints for each zone, monitoring each zone to determine a minimum temperature for each zone, and ramping the temperature back to the original temperature. Thus, claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom should be allowable.

3. Claims 19 and 20 are proposed to be amended.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,


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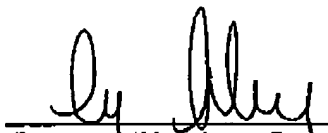
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